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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

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DATE: 3/30/71

Re Columbia letter to Bureau dated 12/29/70.

The UFO Club, which was closed by Richland County, S. C. court order on 1/15/70, has given up their fight in court to maintain control of the building where they were located and recently moved their equipment from the building indicating that they would use this equipment in other coffee houses located in other states. Informants and sources advised that no efforts will be made to reopen a similar type coffee house restaurant in the Columbia area. Prior to closing, the UFO Club was known for its anti-war, anti-draft and anti-establishment activities.

The only two active dissident groups in the State of South Carolina at the present time are the Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) at the University of S. C., Columbia, which is not affiliated with the national SMC, and a new organization known as Progressive Students For Change (PSC) at USC, Columbia, which works as a coalition group with SMC at USC. Informants and sources within the two groups advise that the leaders of the two groups do not get along and are continuously arguing over policy and the direction to take in attempting to organize students at USC. At the last combined meeting of the two groups they had approximately 30 students and non-students present. It is noted that USC has an enrollment of over 14,000 students. Informants have indicated that neither organization has been effective in organizing students or adopting a program to follow in an effort to gain members to their organization.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

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On 3/17/71, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], advised that he continues to watch the licensing of restaurants in the Columbia area in an effort to insure that an UFO type club does not obtain license in the Columbia area. [REDACTED] stated that in the event they do attempt to obtain license he believes he is in a position to have the City License Division deny license to this club.

Regarding the SMC and PSC, informants have advised that due to the dissension among the leaders of the two groups they are of the opinion that the two groups will probably destroy their effectiveness among the liberal element at USC and in the Columbia area. Informants state at the present time the two groups are working together to organize demonstrators for the 4/24/71 demonstration to take place in Washington, D. C., which is sponsored by the National Peace Action Coalition. Informants are of the opinion that they will have very little success in obtaining a group to travel to Washington, D. C. for the demonstration.

Informants have also advised that SMC and PSC have had very few meetings since organizing and due to their failure to have adequate leadership the possibility exists that they will fold as a campus organization prior to the end of the school year.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Due to the dissension between SMC and PSC, informants have been instructed to discreetly further the polarization between the leaders through their conversations with the leaders, agreeing with the remarks which are derogatory to the leaders of the other group. It is believed that if they discredit the leaders of the two groups in this manner, the two groups will eventually split making both organizations incapable of causing or organizing demonstrations or rallies at USC.

It is noted that during May, 1970, numerous arrests were made by the State of South Carolina after the Administration

Building at USC was taken over and damaged by approximately 75 students. On 3/22/71, [REDACTED] Richland County, S. C., advised that he is arranging a conference of all the attorneys who represent the students who are now on bond on charges arising out of the damages to the Administration Building, for the purpose of assessing each student an amount of money to pay for these damages. [REDACTED] stated that if they agree to this he will drop charges on the students who agree to pay their share. Those students refusing will be prosecuted during the summer term of court while USC is not in session. [REDACTED] stated that he will maintain the warrants as outstanding for the students and their associates who fled the State rather than face arrest to keep these individuals from returning to the State. [REDACTED] noted that most of the individuals who fled the State were the main troublemakers and leaders during the second semester of 1970 and with them out of the State the new left activities have been disorganized at USC.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

It is noted that the SMC group at USC remains as an ineffective organization in their efforts to organize students and to arrange rallies and demonstrations. In this regard, a new organization known as PSC has attempted to take over the SMC activities and through their efforts they have divided the leadership of the two groups which has made it impossible for the groups to build their organization through demonstrations and rallies at USC.

The PSC organization, having a limited membership, has held very few meetings since their organization and it is doubtful that the leadership will be in a position to build an effective organization during the second semester of 1971. In this regard the majority of the members of the SMC organization are disenchanted with their President and in all probability will cause the organization to become ineffective prior to the end of the school year 1971.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 11-4-70

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

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ReCOlet to Bureau, 9-25-70.

For the information of the Bureau, [REDACTED] Columbia, S. C., is [REDACTED] and has extensive investigation and contact with University students at the University of South Carolina (USC). [REDACTED] is in continuous contact during the evening hours with various students conducting interviews and making [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is very cooperative with Special Agents of the Columbia Office and offers assistance in all types of cases, and in his contacts with narcotics cases, he frequently comes into contact with New Left type individuals at USC.

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It is believed that the individuals being interviewed under pretext will assume that [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] of the SMC group at USC, is an informant of [REDACTED] and will spread the word at the USC campus which will eliminate her as a leader of this organization.

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In this regard, interview conducted by the Columbia Office of the FBI; information was received that some members of SMC are suspicious of [REDACTED] in that during the student disturbances at USC during May, 1970, she was not suspended but only received a permanent probation type disciplinary action, and for this reason they think she may be an informant of a law enforcement agency.

In the event this plan is approved, [REDACTED] will be contacted and arrangements made to carry out the above plan.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 6-26-70

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

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ReBulet to all offices dated 5-10-68, and Colet
to Bureau dated 3-31-70.

The AWARE organization, a student group at the
University of South Carolina, (USC), Columbia, S. C.,
affiliated with SDS, continues as the only militant New Left
organization in the state of South Carolina.

The UFO Club, which was located at 1732 Main St.,
Columbia, S. C., a coffee house type restaurant, originally
organized by the National Mobilization Committee to End the
War in Vietnam (NMC), has been closed since 1-15-70. The
UFO Club was closed on a Richland County, S. C., court order
indicating that the Club was a public nuisance.

Efforts were made to open a new club similar to the
UFO Club; however, the two individuals attempting to obtain
a location have been unable to rent a downtown store building
for their operation. The name of the new club was to be the
Universal Life Service Corp., indicating that it was a
religious mission of the St. Mark Universal Life Church.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

On 5-7-70, [REDACTED],
Columbia, S. C., advised that he has placed a stop with the
License Division of the city of Columbia concerning the
Universal Life Service Corp. or similar type name in the

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event they attempt to obtain a license to open a coffee house restaurant. He advised that he believes that through this division and other city departments, he will be able to stop the club from opening a coffee house restaurant in the downtown area of Columbia.

On 6-18-70, [REDACTED] USC, advised that the University has instituted a program of conducting a security check on each transfer student attempting to enter the University for the fall of 1970. In the event they have been in trouble at the previous school or are a member of a dissident organization, their transfer application will be denied. [REDACTED] stated that he believes that this method will save the University possible trouble from dissident individuals in the fall of 1970.

[REDACTED] also advised that USC plans to review all applications for charters of student groups very carefully in the fall of 1970 and to attempt to discourage dissident type groups from obtaining a charter. He advised that he is following this matter closely and will appreciate any information received by other police agencies concerning the possible organization of dissident groups at USC.

Informants have stated that the New Left groups in Columbia, S. C., have no plans for demonstrations, rallies or other dissident activity during the summer months of 1970. It is noted that a majority of the students who are connected with the AWARE group and UFO Club have left Columbia, S. C., for their permanent residences for the summer months.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

[REDACTED] Richland County, Columbia, S. C., advised that he plans to maintain pressure on the administrators at USC in an effort to limit the use of University facilities to outside groups connected with the New Left. [REDACTED] stated that through the arrest and conviction of the UFO group, the New Left activities in the downtown

area of Columbia, S. C., has been hindered and has made it very difficult for the UFO personnel to make their usual contacts. He advised that he plans to stop University officials from allowing the student center to be used as a meeting place for off-campus dissident groups.

[REDACTED] AI and SI subject of the Columbia Division and leader in the AWARE organization, is presently awaiting court action on charges of malicious damage to real and personal property in the private building which houses Local Board 40 of the Selective Service System. Since his arrest, [REDACTED] has been inactive in the Columbia area and is presently in Atlanta, Georgia, being employed in a printing shop in that city. [REDACTED] has indicated to informants that he is afraid to travel around the Columbia area as he is of the opinion that the local and state law enforcement officials are watching him and would arrest him for any possible violation of the law if they have a chance.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

The closing of the UFO Club on 1-15-70, on a local court order has limited the contacts of the employees with the college students and the soldiers stationed at Fort Jackson. At the present time the group has no location or meeting place where they can gather with soldiers to further their anti-war and anti-draft activities.

On 6-17-70, [REDACTED] Columbia, S. C., advised that since the closing of the UFO, the conscientious objectors on the part of soldiers at Fort Jackson, have dropped to a normal level, and they are having very little difficulty with dissident type soldiers at Fort Jackson.

As stated, the arrest of [REDACTED] Y has limited his militant activity in the Columbia area and his fear of being arrested has caused him to move to Atlanta, Georgia, where he resides with his grandparents and to obtain gainful employment which is his first known employment in several years.

On 5-7-70, a student strike was called at USC by the various student members which resulted in 41 individuals being arrested for refusing to leave the Russell House, the student center at USC. Thirty one of the individuals were students at the University and contained the most active dissident leaders. Of that group [REDACTED] in the AWARE group and Women's Liberation group; [REDACTED] in Student Mobilization Committee (SMC) and member of AWARE; [REDACTED] active member of AWARE; and nine others have been permanently dismissed from the University for their activities in the takeover of the Russell House. The other 19 individuals have been suspended for various periods of time, up to two years.

On 5-11-70, approximately 75 individuals unlawfully entered the Administration Building, USC, and destroyed all records and furniture in the south wing. Since that date, approximately 36 warrants have been issued for individuals identified so far as entering the building. This list includes several other dissident individuals in the Columbia area and according to University officials, those involved will also be permanently dismissed from the University.

It is believed that the individuals permanently dismissed from the University contained the most active individuals in the New Left movement at USC and will severely limit their activities in the fall of 1970 in the AWARE organization or similar type groups.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449693)

FROM : *AK* SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

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Re Bulet to all offices dated 5/10/69, and Columbia letter to the Bureau dated 12/29/69.

The AWARE Organization, a student group at the University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, S. C., affiliated with SDS, continues to be the only militant New Left organization in the area covered by the Columbia Division.

The UFO Club, 1732 Main St., Columbia, S. C., a coffeehouse type restaurant, originally organized by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam was closed on a court order 1/15/70. Prior to the UFO Club being closed, it was considered anti-war, anti-draft and anti-establishment in its operation.

Informants have advised that a new club will be opened in the near future at 1219 Main St., Columbia, S. C., under the name Universal Life Service Corp. *[REDACTED]* former employee of the UFO Club, is one of the individuals planning to open a new establishment attempting to exhibit a religious type front for the organization. Numerous repairs have to be made to the building prior to their occupying same and it is estimated it will probably be May, 1970, before they can be open for business.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

On 3/20/70, *[REDACTED]* related that he was planning to appear before the Board of Trustees for USC in an effort to discredit the New Left and their activities at USC. *[REDACTED]* requested any information that would

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be helpful in apprising the trustees of New Left activities at USC. [redacted] also advised of the fact that the New Left was using the Russell House, the Student Union Center at USC, for meetings on Saturday and Sunday, referring to the meetings as "UFO in Exile," where they were showing underground type films to soldiers from Ft. Jackson and other individuals who desired to attend the meetings. He was also apprised of the numerous hippie type individuals using the Russell House as living quarters and not being students at USC.

[redacted] subsequently appeared before the trustees and advised that they have now instructed the administration at USC to place the use of the Russell House as off limits to non-students, specifically the UFO in exile, and to institute a system of checks at the Russell House that only enrolled students and faculty at USC could use the facilities. In this regard, a guest must be in the company of the enrolled student at all times while in the Russell House. [redacted] stated that the above action will no doubt cut down New Left activities at USC.

On 3/23/70, [redacted] who has worked closely with the Bureau in coverage of New Left activities in Columbia, S. C., was advised of the fact that the Universal Life Service Corp. was planning to open a business establishment at 1219 Main St., which would replace the UFO Club as an anti-draft and anti-war establishment. [redacted] stated that he would contact a friend of his on the License Division for the City of Columbia and will attempt to stop the group from obtaining a license to operate at 1219 Main St. He advised that in the event they could not stop the operation, they will delay issuing a license for as long a period as they possibly can.

Informants and sources have been advised to continue their efforts to obtain all the New Left literature that they can in an effort to deplete the supply in the

Columbia area. It is noted that since the closing of the UFO Club, there has only been a small supply of the material available to the New Left, which is being distributed at the Russell House, USC.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

On 1/15/70, a court order was issued by the Richland Co. courts closing the UFO Club on the grounds that it was a "public nuisance." On 1/13/70, two nights prior to the closing of the club, four of the employees at the UFO Club were indicted and arrested on charges of "maintaining and operating a public nuisance." All four subjects have presently been released on the \$7,500.00 bond and are awaiting court action in April, 1970. The fifth employee of the club who was indicted refuses to return to Columbia, S. C., and is remaining in New York, New York, to avoid being extradited to South Carolina, on the above charges.

[REDACTED] Richland Co., Columbia, S. C., advised he is contemplating, prior to the court action, to reconvene the Grand Jury and indict [REDACTED] the sixth employee of the UFO Club, who is presently active in attempting to set up a new club in South Carolina. [REDACTED] stated through the indictment of [REDACTED] he will attempt to obtain publicity showing that the new club known as the Universal Life Service Corp. is just a replacement for the UFO Club.

On 3/20/70, [REDACTED], AI and SI, subject of the Columbia Division, and a leader in the AWARE Organization, was arrested by the Richland Co. SO on charges of malicious damage to real and personal property in the private building which houses LB 40 of the Selective Service System. During the early morning hours of 3/20/70, [REDACTED] accompanied by three other individuals, painted slogans on the walls of the private building and then threw a brick through the plate glass window where LB 40 is located in the building. After breaking the window, they threw a glass container of red paint into the building causing extensive

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paint damage to the drapes and floor with an estimated damage of approximately \$400.00 to the office space.

At the time of arrest, the Deputy Sheriffs found a mace in his possession, which is a violation of the S. C. Concealed Weapons Law and [REDACTED] was also charged with this violation, [REDACTED] could receive up to 11 years.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

The closing of the UFO Club on 1/15/70, has severely restricted the activities of the New Left in the downtown section of Columbia, S. C., and makes it impossible for the group to reach the majority of the soldiers on the weekends on leave from Ft. Jackson.

On 3/23/70, [REDACTED] advised that their office has noticed a decline in the number of soldiers at Ft. Jackson applying as conscientious objectors since the closing of the UFO Club. He advised that they contribute this to the fact that the staff of the UFO Club and their associates have no central place where they can come in contact with the soldiers.

The arrest of [REDACTED] of the AWARE Organization, on 3/20/70, has limited the militant activity on the part of AWARE due to his arrest. His bond was set at \$12,500.00, which was posted on 3/27/70, by [REDACTED] in Columbia, S. C. [REDACTED] Richland Co., advised that he intends to bring [REDACTED] court trial as soon as possible concerning his malicious damage to private property charges, hoping to obtain a conviction which he believes would receive at least a three year jail sentence for [REDACTED] is of the opinion that if [REDACTED] receives a jail sentence, the militant New Left activity in Columbia will be nil.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 12/29/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Re Bureau letter to all Offices, 5/10/68; and Columbia letters to the Director, 9/29/69 and 10/8/69.

The UFO Club, 1732 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, a coffee house type restaurant, organized originally by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) continues to operate catering to soldiers and students from the colleges in the Columbia, S. C. area. The UFO Club is anti-establishment in its activities.

The AWARE Organization, a student group at the University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, S. C., is affiliated with SDS and continues as the only militant New Left group at USC.

The two SSOC chapters at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C., and Furman University, Greenville, S. C., continue to hold meetings; however, they are not connected with any national organization and are very weak in membership and have not sponsored any campus activities during the current school year.

I. POTENTIAL COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Richland County Sheriff's Office has made six arrests at the UFO Club on drug charges during the past year and the Columbia Police Department has made twelve arrests either at the UFO Club or in the immediate vicinity of the club of individuals who visit the club on charges of drugs, disorderly conduct or vagrancy.

On 12/12/69, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] confidentially advised that the [REDACTED] for Richland County plans on filing a public nuisance charge against the UFO Club in the January, 1970 term of court and have the place closed as a public nuisance. [REDACTED] stated that all the public establishments located near the UFO have

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signed a petition indicating that the UFO Club is a public nuisance and the [REDACTED] feels through the petition and the number of arrests made, he will be successful in having the establishment closed. [REDACTED] stated that the above information should remain confidential as the Solicitor does not want the UFO Club to obtain advance knowledge of his proposed action.

The Columbia Division continues close liaison with the [REDACTED] at USC, who is also an established and reliable source, to furnish him public information concerning speakers, who are to appear before the AWARE Organization or sponsored by the AWARE Organization at USC. The [REDACTED] is able to furnish this information to the Dean of Students and in the event the speaker has a prior arrest record or is under indictment, they will refuse the group permission to have this individual speak before the group. This same technique is being used at Clemson University and Furman University relating to public speakers sponsored by the two former SSOC chapters.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

Informants and sources, who visit the UFO Club, are continually advised to obtain all the free dissident literature that they can obtain in an effort to deplete this supply of literature. In the past it has been ascertained that the UFO Club is short of funds and cannot continue to supply the literature unless individuals taking the literature pay for the same.

Regarding the Columbia Division's contact with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Columbia, South Carolina, concerning the UFO Club's possibly failing to pay an entertainment tax on the nights they charge admission, it was ascertained that IRS does not have a cabaret tax. [REDACTED] Special Agent, IRS, advised that he had contacted the S. C. State Tax Commission and was advised that the UFO Club is paying an amusement tax for the nights that they charge admission. [REDACTED] stated that the S. C. State Tax Commission and IRS are alert to any possible tax violations by the UFO Club and plan to take immediate action in the event they ascertain violation on the part of the UFO Club or the management.

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

On 12/12/69 the USC delivered a letter to [REDACTED] (SI and AI subject of the Columbia Division) advising him that he was not to trespass on USC campus property and that a violation would cause his immediate arrest for trespassing.

Through cooperation with the military authorities at Fort Jackson, S. C., concerning [REDACTED] activities they have delivered a letter to [REDACTED] advising him not to re-enter the Fort Jackson Military Reservation or he would face arrest on a charge of trespassing. Through the above letters from USC and from the military authorities at Fort Jackson, [REDACTED] activities have been limited in Columbia, S. C., to the area of his residence and the UFO Club. Sources have indicated that the UFO management does not want [REDACTED] visiting the UFO Club due to his militant attitude and try to discourage his visits. It would appear that [REDACTED] effectiveness with the dissident students is limited due to his limited access to areas where he can make contacts. The Columbia Division is following [REDACTED] activities closely in the event information is received he is to violate one of the above restrictions the appropriate officials will be immediately advised in order that arrests can be made.

The [REDACTED] at USC has advised that attendance at AWARE meetings has been approximately ten to fifteen. Since [REDACTED] restriction at USC there has been no information to indicate that the AWARE Group plans any demonstrations or other disruptive activities. The [REDACTED] stated that it appears without [REDACTED] leadership the AWARE Group is ineffective in their activities.

Informant of the Columbia Division in the AWARE Organization furnished information that an [REDACTED] had arrived in Columbia, S. C., from Pennsylvania and had been arrested by the Columbia Police Department for a violation of the Motorcycle Ordinance. [REDACTED] advised the informant that he left two packages of marijuana in the police patrol wagon and was afraid of being arrested in that he is violating his Federal parole. Subsequent investigation in cooperation with the [REDACTED] Richland County, determined that [REDACTED] was on probation in New Mexico for an ITSMV investigation. The Probation Officer in Washington, D. C., issued a warrant and teletyped the warrant to the Sheriff's Office, Richland

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County and [REDACTED] was arrested by the Sheriff's Office. At the time of arrest, 25 marijuana cigarettes were found in the shirt pocket of [REDACTED]. It was noted that [REDACTED] was arrested at [REDACTED] Columbia, S. C., which is the residence of [REDACTED] and his group known as the "Carolina Collective".

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Authority is granted to contact [REDACTED], and to apprise him of the fact that the national office of the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) has been disbanded. On the occasion of this contact, you should not press [REDACTED] for any decision he might make based upon the information furnished him. The matter should be followed, however, to determine what action [REDACTED] takes with regard to SSOC on the campus. On contacting [REDACTED], you are to impress upon him the fact that the information is being furnished for his confidential use and that the Bureau's interest is to be kept in strictest confidence.

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Columbia has advised that students at Furman University where [REDACTED], are attempting to reorganize an SSOC chapter for the academic year. University regulations will deny SSOC a chapter at the University if a national office does not exist. Columbia has requested authority to contact [REDACTED] who is a reliable and established source of the Columbia Division, for the purpose of verbally informing him of the fact that there is no longer a national office of SSOC in existence. This information will give [REDACTED] grounds for denying a chapter to the SSOC at Furman University.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 10/8/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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For the information of the Bureau [REDACTED], Furman University, Greenville, S. C., advised on 9/22/69, that the Southern Students Organizing Committee, (SSOC), group at Furman is attempting to reorganize under the leadership of [REDACTED] a member of the sophomore class.

[REDACTED] pointed out that the SSOC chapter at Furman was very active during the 1968-69 school year, operated a Free University on campus and invited a number of controversial speakers to the campus. In addition to this activity, the chapter waged campaigns against such things as Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC), compulsory chapel attendance and the University's speaker policy.

[REDACTED] said he is interested in preventing the reestablishment of the SSOC organization at Furman and indicated he understood that the national office of this organization is no longer in existence; and, therefore, a local chapter such as the one at Furman cannot be legally constituted on the campus.

[REDACTED] is a reliable and established source of the Columbia Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has continuously furnished reliable information concerning the SSOC chapter at Furman University. His assistance in covering the activities of this group and other activities on the campus has been, and continues to be, invaluable.

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Bureau authority is requested for the Columbia Division to contact [REDACTED] and to apprise him of the fact that there is no longer a national office of SSOC. Authority is also requested to determine if [REDACTED] plans to take any definite action to prevent the reestablishment of the SSOC chapter at Furman.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698) [REDACTED]

DATE: 9/29/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Re Bureau letter to all offices, 5/10/68, and
Columbia letter to Bureau, 8/6/69.

The AWARE organization, a student group at the University of South Carolina (USC), Columbia, S. C., is affiliated with SSOC and SDS and was inactive during the summer months. The group held its first meeting for the 1969-1970 school year on 9/17/69, and apparently will be very active on the campus as well as in community situations.

The UFO Club, 1732 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., a coffee house type restaurant, organized originally by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), and presently supported by group known as Support Out Soldiers in San Francisco, California, continues to operate catering to soldiers and students from the colleges. The club is frequented by dissident type individuals and is anti-establishment in their activities.

There are also SSOC Chapters at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C., and Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

Information is continuing to be received from sources and informants that some of the customers who frequent the UFO Club are using marijuana or drugs while at the club or in the immediate vicinity of the club. The Columbia Division plans to contact the [REDACTED] assigned to Columbia, S. C., and the Richland County SO, Columbia, S. C., who are apparently interested in uncovering drug traffic at the UFO Club. It is believed that if several arrests could be made showing that the club is frequented on a regular basis by individuals using narcotics, the City of Columbia would

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be able to discontinue the restaurant's license for the club and place the organization in a difficult situation to continue their operation.

The Columbia Office has an [REDACTED] source who is also an excellent friend of the Bureau, [REDACTED] the [REDACTED] of the AWARE Organization, where [REDACTED] has been holding some meetings and parties. The Columbia Division contemplated using this source to register complaints with the police department in the event of any boisterous parties or in the event it is learned that the group is using marijuana or drugs at this location to further embarrass [REDACTED] and the AWARE Organization. It is felt any arrests made would lead to bad publicity in the local news papers.

The Columbia Division also plans to use the [REDACTED] also a reliable and established source at USC, Columbia, to furnish any obscene or threatening literature which the AWARE group may direct against the USC to the Board of Trustees by mailing them xerox copies of any such correspondence received. It is felt that the Board of Trustees would then bring added pressure on the administrators of the school to control the activities of the AWARE Organization.

[REDACTED]

At the present time, it would appear that SSOC has two chapters remaining in South Carolina, namely at Clemson and Furman, although the national office is no longer in existence. The Columbia Division will request Bureau permission to contact established and reliable sources at each university who have supervision of the student groups on their campuses and advise them that inasmuch as the national office of SSOC has been dissolved, that the chapters on the campuses appear to be operating without a charter. It is believed that if the college officials are made aware of this, they can legally withdraw the charter and cause the students added difficulty in forming new organizations on the campus. It is noted that both chapters at the present time are disorganized. It is believed it would be an excellent opportunity to disrupt the organizations permanently.

2. Pending Counterintelligence Action

The Columbia Division has contacted the Internal Revenue Service, Columbia, S. C., in accordance with Bureau letter 8/7/69, and furnished information to Internal Revenue Service concerning the UFO Club having live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights and charging admission.

SA, Internal Revenue Service, advised after reviewing their laws, that there is no Federal Cabaret Tax; however, the State of S. C. does have such a tax.

advised that he would contact the State Tax Office and furnish them this information without involving the Bureau in the complaint, and requested to be notified of any action they take and he in turn would notify the FBI.

Regarding the UFO Club, it appears that from information received from informants and sources, they are continuing to have financial difficulties, and the Columbia Division will continue to have informants and sources to obtain dissident literature at the club on their visits and leave without paying for the same, in an effort to deplete their supply of literature and cost the group extra money in the event they replace this literature.

3. Tangible Results

It is noted that at the time of referenced Columbia letter, 8/6/69, the college groups were inactive for the summer months and have only recently reformed to commence the school year; therefore, no counterintelligence activity could be directed against the organization during the summer months. It is also noted the customers at the UFO Club were slack during the summer months and very little activity was noted on the part of the management and employees of the UFO Club. On one occasion, the manager and an employee were arrested by the local police near the Main Gate to the Ft. Jackson military reservation where they were attempting to solicit soldiers for interview concerning their possibly being Conscientious Objectors. Subsequent to their arrest, information was furnished to the appropriate law enforcement

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agency concerning the background of the manager who in turn advised the City Judge who was trying the case. The City Judge sentenced the manager to 30 days in jail and a \$100 fine on a charge of Disorderly Conduct.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 8/6/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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For the information of the Bureau, the AWARE Organization, a student group at the University of South Carolina, (USC), being affiliated with SSOC and SDS and is active in political, social and economical fields at USC had a decreasing attendance during the last semester, 1969, and had only two or three meetings during the months of April and May, 1969.

Since the end of the last semester, May 27, 1969, the AWARE Organization has not been active and the majority of the members have returned to their permanent residences for the summer months.

The UFO Club, 1732 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., a coffeehouse type restaurant, a project of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam continues to operate catering to soldiers at nearby military bases. Their activity at this time centers in draft counseling for civilians and soldiers at Fort Jackson, S. C.

1. Potential Counterintelligence Action

The UFO Club has been having live entertainment on Friday and Saturday nights of each week which includes bands, soul type music by various groups, plays and other anti-war and anti-draft type entertainment. Informants have furnished information that on the nights they had the live entertainment the UFO Club charges .75¢ per customer for admittance to defray the cost of the band and possibly make some money for the UFO Club. It is believed that the club is not paying Federal

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income tax on the admission charges and the Bureau has been requested by separate communication to authorize the Columbia Division to furnish this information to Internal Revenue Service at Columbia, S. C. It is believed that this action in the event the club has not been paying taxes would cause them additional financial burdens as sources indicate they are presently having financial difficulties.

The Columbia Division has also alerted sources of the possibility of observing individuals using Marijuana or other drugs at the UFO Club or having the drugs on their person. Sources were instructed to immediately contact the FBI, who would in turn notify the appropriate law enforcement agency where arrests could be made. City Police Officers have indicated that in the event they can make two or three arrests at the UFO Club on drug charges, they can institute a hearing to have the license for the UFO Club lifted and put the organization out of business.

II. PENDING COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION

The Columbia Division had two sources from Shaw Air Force Base, S. C., visiting the UFO Club on weekly basis and during these visits they would pick up large volumes of dissident type papers, magazines and pamphlets allegedly to be distributed in dayrooms at Shaw Air Force Base. This literature was subsequently destroyed in an incinerator. Through this action, the two sources were taking a large volume of this literature out of the UFO Club and costing the club additional expenses in stocking new literature. Prior to the two sources leaving the Columbia area in June and July, 1969, the UFO Club had put up signs requesting that the literature taken by the individuals be paid for as they did not have the necessary funds to replace the material. Other sources now visiting the UFO Club have been advised to pick up as much literature as possible when having a valid excuse for distribution while not paying for the same. 7D

III. TANGIBLE RESULTS

The AWARE Organization sponsored a demonstration for the arrival of President NIXON in Columbia, S. C., on May 3, 1969. Through close liaison with Secret Service and various police agencies, the Columbia Division was able to furnish information as received from FBI informants as to the plans for their demonstration at the Columbia Metropolitan Airport upon the arrival of President NIXON. By furnishing this information in advance, the Lexington County Sheriff's Office, assisted by other law enforcement agencies, confronted the leaders of the AWARE Organization as they arrived in the area where the President's plane landed demanding that the sticks and red flags be turned over to the law enforcement officers. A scuffle ensued and seven demonstrators were arrested with two of the individuals being the leaders of the AWARE Organization. This action dampened any further activities by the AWARE Organization to have an organized demonstration upon the arrival of President NIXON. It was also ascertained from informants as to the location that the AWARE members planned to confront the President's car with their signs and banners and with this information the Secret Service planned an alternate route which saved the President the embarrassment of observing the signs and banners of the AWARE Organization.

SAC, Columbia (100-344)

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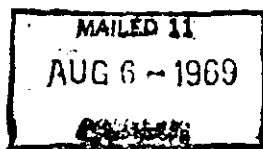
Authority is granted to contact the Internal Revenue Service and furnish it information concerning alleged tax violations by the UFO Club. Furnish the Bureau the results of any action taken by Internal Revenue Service.

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NOTE:

The UFO Club is a coffeehouse opened by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam. Its purpose is to attract soldiers from nearby military bases and to propagandize them so as to make them anti-war. The Columbia Office has determined that this club is charging admission to entertain on Friday and Saturday nights but is not paying entertainment tax on the admission price. This information should be furnished to IRS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 7/31/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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For the information of the Bureau, the UFO Club, located at 1732 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., is a coffee house type restaurant, a project of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) and their Summer of Support Program. The club opened approximately 1/11/68 and is considered an anti-war, anti-draft type club, catering to the soldiers at Ft. Jackson and other nearby military bases. Recently the UFO Club has made available draft counseling for civilians and soldiers and continues their activities in the anti-war, anti-draft movement.

Information received from informants and sources reveals that the UFO club usually has live entertainment at the club Friday and Saturday nights of each week. On these two nights they usually charge 75¢ admission with the money usually being donated to the UFO Club by the groups who are entertaining. One informant recently indicated that a customer at the UFO Club had advised him that he thought the UFO Club was in trouble with the Internal Revenue Service concerning taxes. This informant and other sources stated that it is their opinion that the UFO Club is not paying entertainment tax on the money collected for admission on Friday and Saturday nights. Same source also indicated that the crowds vary on these two nights from approximately 50 to 100 individuals present.

Bureau authority is requested for the Columbia Division to contact the appropriate officials at the Internal Revenue Service Office, Columbia, S. C. and furnish them information concerning the UFO Club charging admission on Friday and Saturday nights in an effort to ascertain if the club is paying entertainment tax for the admission charge. Inasmuch as the UFO Club is presently in financial difficulty, it is felt that this additional collection of taxes by the Internal Revenue Service may further hamper the operation of the club and possibly assist the club in closing permanently. REC-51

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 3/31/69

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Re Bureau letter to all offices, 5/10/68.

For the information of the Bureau, the AWARE organization, a student group at the University of S. C., Columbia, S. C., which had been active in political, social, and economic fields at the university has had a declining attendance since January, 1969. The AWARE organization is affiliated with SSOC and SDS. Is is noted that on 2/12/69, [REDACTED] the former [REDACTED] of AWARE, burned a Confederate flag and was subsequently arrested by state authorities for violation of a state law for desecrating or mutilating a flag. The burning of the flag on the part of the AWARE organization gave the group adverse publicity and turned the students at USC against the organization.

Subsequent to the burning, the attendance has declined with the meeting of 3/19/69 having a total of 12 members present.

To further the difficulties of the AWARE organization, the Students' Affairs Committee at University of S. C. has placed the organization on probation until May 31, 1969, which will limit the activities in organizing rallies, demonstrations, and other activities. It is felt that the action of the group in burning the flag and the probationary status will hinder their activities for the remaining year at University of S. C.

It is noted that SSOC has chapters at Clemson University, Clemson, S. C., and Furman University, Greenville, S. C.; however as of this date, neither group has been able to get the necessary support of students for a demonstration or other type New Left activities.

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The Columbia Division will follow the activities of the AWARE organization in an effort to obtain information concerning situations which could be used to disrupt their group. The Bureau will be advised previous to any direct action taken by the Columbia Division.

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Date: FEB 19 1969

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-112287)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (100-341)

SUBJECT: SUMMER OF SUPPORT
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COLUMBIA, S. C.
INFORMATION CONCERNING - IS;
POSSIBLE CRIMES ON GOVERNMENT RESERVATION

On 2/17/69 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ft. Jackson, S. C., advised SA [REDACTED]
that recently there has been increased activity by certain
military personnel stationed on Ft. Jackson to circulate
petitions and literature on that post against the war
in Vietnam. Information from sources reflect that much
of this activity has been originating from the UFO Club,
Columbia, S. C., which at the present time is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], subject of Columbia file [REDACTED]
and Bureau file [REDACTED]. The UFO Club is a coffee house
restaurant, a project of the National Mobilization Committee
to End the War in Vietnam under their SOS Program.

Military Police officials at Ft. Jackson anticipate
that in the near future [REDACTED], a civilian, and his associates
may enter Ft. Jackson, which is an open military reservation,
for the purpose of distributing their literature. In the
event this does occur the military police officials at Ft.
Jackson plan to order the civilian dissidents to cease
and desist this activity. They also plan to give them oral
directions or written letters of exclusion from the post
in order to bring a halt to their activity.

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If these individuals persist, [REDACTED] stated he intends to request Bureau assistance concerning possible CGR - TRESPASSING or related violations.

In the event the above situation materializes, Bureau authority is requested for Columbia to handle these violations as aggravated situations with resultant preliminary investigations and presentations to the USA for prosecutive opinion.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-449698)

DATE: 12/20/68

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344) (P)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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Re Bureau letter to all offices dated 5/10/68.

For the information of the Bureau on 12/12/68 the Aware Group at the University of S. C., Columbia, S. C., (which voted to affiliate with SDS and SSOC at their first meeting on 10/16/68) printed and passed out a two page newsletter setting forth their criticisms concerning the administration at the University of S. C., for failing to allow them to hold their rally on 12/7/68 on the Horseshoe area of the campus, instead forcing them to have the rally within one of the campus buildings. This portion of the letter contained several obscene words some of them being directed at the administrators of the University. The letter also criticized the "brass" at Ft. Jackson, S. C., for not allowing the soldiers to leave the post at the regular time on Saturdays in order that they could participate in the parade and rally if they so desired. The letter also carried articles concerning their dissent with the presidential candidates election as well as other social changes which they desired.

On 12/13/68 [REDACTED] University of S. C. and an established source of the Columbia Division was contacted concerning the letter. [REDACTED] indicated during the conversation that he was mailing a copy of the letter marking the obscene words and some of the implied threats to the Board of Trustees of the University of S. C. [REDACTED] was of the opinion that this would put direct pressure on the University of S. C. to take action against the group and limit their activities.

The Columbia Division will follow the newsletter carefully and will attempt to capitalize on such letters by the Aware Group in an effort to put continued pressure on the group by the faculty and students to embarrass and limit the activities of Aware.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344)

SUBJECT: COINTELPRO - NEW LEFT
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DATE: 10/2/68

Re Bulets dated 5/10/68 and 7/5/68 and Columbia letter dated 6/26/68.

For the information of the Bureau during the previous school year, the Columbia Division had two New Left groups, one at the University of S. C. known as AWARE and a chapter of Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC). The AWARE group was organized in 1966. During the fall term of 1967, at the University of S. C. they had their largest membership, dropping to approximately 6 members by the time the group disbanded in late April, 1968. SSOC had a chapter at Furman University, Greenville, S. C. during the past school year with approximately 10 active members; disbanded about May 1, 1968.

During the summer months neither the SSOC or AWARE group members were active within their organizations or other New Left type groups. Information received as of 9/24 and 25/68 indicates that there has been no activity on the part of the AWARE Group at the University of S. C. or the SSOC Chapter at Furman University. Sources and informants state that it does not appear that either group will be active in the near future.

The Columbia Division has been developing sources and informants to place in the New Left groups and will be in the position to immediately learn the identities of the members in the event they subsequently are organized at the respective schools. Due to the fact that the groups are now dormant and there is no activity on the part of the members who were in the groups the previous school year it is felt that no counterintelligence action can be taken by the Columbia Division. In the event they re-organize, the Columbia Division will be alert for possible situations to disrupt the group or groups through counterintelligence action. However, the Bureau will be advised previous to any direct action being taken by the Columbia Division.

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Memorandum

TO: SAC, Detroit (Your file 100-35108) DATE: 11/13/68

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- ☐ 2. DATE ☐ airtel ☐ letterhead memo ☒ submitted 11/5/68
☐ report ☒ letter ☐ 90-day progress letter ☐ will be submitted

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- ☐ 3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted _____

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Date: 11/13/68

Transmit the following in _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-112287)

FROM: SAC, COLUMBIA (100-341) (P)

SUBJECT: SUMMER OF SUPPORT
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM setting forth information concerning the arrest of [REDACTED] by Columbia, S. C. PD on 11/12/68. Two copies forwarded Chicago Division for their information.

Special Agents of the FBI, Columbia Division, who observed a photograph in the front window of the UFO Club are SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED]

The Columbia Division has been keeping [REDACTED] of the Columbia PD advised of the activities of the UFO Club and after observing the photograph in the window, [REDACTED] was contacted and informed of the obscene language beneath the photograph.

Copies of the LHM are being designated to NISO, Charleston, S. C., OSI, Langley AFB, Va., Secret Service, and 111th MIG, Columbia, S. C. / ENCLOSURE 100-449698-66

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In Reply, Please Refer to
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Columbia, South Carolina
November 13, 1968

SUMMER OF SUPPORT
UFO CLUB
1732 Main Street
Columbia, South Carolina

On November 12, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI, Columbia, South Carolina, observed a photograph displayed in the front window of the UFO Club, 1732 Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina, depicting four American soldiers in a kneeling position with two decapitated Viet Cong soldiers lying in front of them. Below the picture was the following printed:

"The above picture shows exactly what the brass want you to do in the Nam. The reason for printing this picture is not to put down GI's but rather to illustrate the fact that the army can really ---- over your mind if you let it.

(obscene)

It's up to you, you can put in your time just trying to make it back in one piece or you can become a psycho like the lifer (E-6) in the picture who really digs this kind of ----. It's your choice".

(obscene)

Following is a copy of a newspaper article which appeared in "The State", a Columbia, South Carolina, daily newspaper dated [REDACTED] which sets forth information that [REDACTED] was arrested on November 12, 1968, by the Columbia Police Department.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT
COLUMBIA DIVISION

DATE: 6/26/68

Re Bureau letter to all offices dated 5/10/68 and Columbia letter to Bureau, dated 5/31/68.

As set forth in re Columbia letter, the Columbia Division has only two groups under the New Left student groups.

The University of South Carolina has a group known as AWARE and the Southern Students Organizing Committee, (SSOC) Chapter at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

During the latter part of April, 1968, the AWARE group disbanded and decided that they would attempt to reorganize in September, 1968. On 5/23/68, it was ascertained that the SSOC group at Furman University had decided to have no further meetings or activities until the fall of 1968.

The Columbia Division is presently developing sources and informants to be placed in the above two groups in the fall of 1968 in order that their activities may be covered and their members identified. It is felt that no counterintelligence action can be taken against the groups until such time as their activities and membership are identified. Inasmuch as the groups are dormant for the present time and no positive counterintelligence action can be taken, the Columbia Division will set forth its potential and pending counterintelligence action in the letter to be submitted on 10/1/68, UACB.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/13/68

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT
COLUMBIA DIVISION

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TO COLUMBIA
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Re Bureau letter to all offices dated 5/23/68 requesting information concerning the New Left making false allegations of police brutality, immorality of members of the New Left and action by college administrators.

1. False Allegations of Police Brutality

For information of the Bureau, the Columbia Division presently has two active New Left Groups at colleges or universities within the State of South Carolina. The University of South Carolina has a group known as AWARE which is an ultra-liberal anti-war organization. Furman University at Greenville, S. C., has a chapter of the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC).

During the existence of the SSOC Chapter at Furman and the AWARE Group at the University of South Carolina, neither group has been involved in any demonstration where there has been a confrontation between the police and the groups. The AWARE group at the University of South Carolina held a pray-in at Rutledge Chapter during the past school year in sympathy with the arrest of 2 or 3 soldiers at Ft. Jackson, S. C., for their attempt to hold prayers at a chapel against the Vietnam War. The pray-in lasted approximately 10 to 15 minutes with the group consisting of approximately 15 individuals disbanding without causing any incidents.

The SSOC Chapter at Furman University has not been involved in any demonstrations where the police were used to control or to break up the demonstration.

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On 3/20/68, a demonstration was held at the State Capitol Building in Columbia, S. C., being sponsored by the Black Power Group at South Carolina State College and Claflin, predominately Negro schools at Orangeburg, S. C. From observation it was noted that several white students and members of the AWARE Group from the University of South Carolina were present in this group at the State Capitol Building. During the demonstration the Black Power Group, which included the white students, attempted on several occasions to cause incidents with the South Carolina Highway Patrol Officers but due to well disciplined officers, there were no incidents or arrests.

2. Immorality

No information has been received from sources or informants to indicate that members of the AWARE Group at the University of South Carolina or the SSOC Group at Furman are involved in immorality insofar as their living habits are concerned.

3. Action By College Administrators

On 6/3/68, [REDACTED] University of South Carolina, and a confidential source, advised that Dr. THOMAS JONES of the University has issued a letter to all students that starting with the fall term of 1968, any demonstration or gathering of students for speeches, etc., must be approved by his office and that permits must be obtained for demonstrations. He advised that failure to follow the above instructions, the students will be dismissed from the University. [REDACTED] stated that Dr. JONES has indicated he plans to deal severely with any student who is involved in demonstration or destruction of property at the University.

As of this date, neither of the New Left Groups have made any demands of the college nor have they been involved in insurgence which would involve official action by the college.

In the event any information is obtained that New Left Groups are planning any militant action or any information is received concerning false allegations or immorality of the New Left Groups, this information will be immediately furnished the Bureau.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/31/68

FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (100-344)-(P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF THE NEW LEFT
COLUMBIA DIVISION

Re Bureau letter to all offices dated 5/10/68.

The New Left organizations in the State of South Carolina are relatively new and are having difficulty in maintaining their organizations. For instance, a group of students at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., organized a group known as Aware in the spring of 1966. In 4/68 the group disbanded due to a lack of interest and dissension between the members. At the time the group disbanded there were 6 members in attendance.

The only other New Left movement presently active is the Southern Students Organizing Committee (SSOC) at Furman University. On 5/23/68, it was ascertained that their group would not hold any further meetings or sponsor any speakers until the fall term at Furman in 1968.

Regarding the Aware group it was subsequently ascertained that the remainder of the group decided to remain dormant until the fall semester of 1968, at which time they planned to reorganize and attempt to attract new members. The Aware group during the past year attempted to sponsor various speakers at the University and organize demonstrations; however, their efforts met with little success.

When the Aware group organized in 1966 the constitution of the group stated that the purpose of the organization is for the stimulation and implementation of discussion on the part of University of South Carolina students

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as individuals, the dissemination of ideas which would lead students into an awareness of the full spectrum of political and social thought and the consideration and action of open matters pertaining to the intellectual and physical well-being of the Carolina Community.

Various informants have described the group as a "bunch of nuts," Left Wing peacenix type. It was also considered by sources as an ultra liberal anti-war, anti-draft group.

Former leaders of the Aware group are [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was active in the Aware group at the University until approximately 12/68 and married another Aware member, [REDACTED] and in 3/68 they left Columbia, S. C., for Killeen, Texas, where they planned to open a coffeehouse restaurant catering to military personnel and individuals who are of draft age.

[REDACTED] was [REDACTED] of the Aware group from approximately 2/68 until their final meeting 4/26/68, at which time he resigned. [REDACTED] was interested in having the members of the Aware group form a chapter of SSOC or the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS); however, due to a lack of interest the group remained as Aware and finally became dormant on 4/26/68.

As previously stated, the New Left organizations in the State of South Carolina are comparatively new and the Columbia Division is presently developing informants in order that prompt, accurate information regarding their plans, activities and the identity of their members can be obtained in order that the Columbia Division may establish an effective counterintelligence operation. After their identities have been obtained, an individual case file is opened on each member in order to obtain background information and ascertain their activities which is essential in establishing a counterintelligence move against the members and the group.

During the past year the Aware groups have not been able to raise funds in order to sponsor speakers or to carry on a successful demonstration at the campus or within the Columbia, S. C., area. For instance, in 4/68 they had planned a demonstration at Ft. Jackson, S. C., however, due to a lack of funds and interest on the part of the members, they decided not to go through with the demonstration. During the investigation of the Aware group it is noted that several of the former members have been active in the UFO Club in Columbia, S. C., which is a coffeehouse set up to attract soldiers from Ft. Jackson, S. C., for the purpose of providing alternatives to military environment, as well as provide legal counseling to the military personnel.

Regarding potential counterintelligence action against the New Left organizations the Columbia Division plans to continue its efforts to cause dissension within the Aware group in an effort to disrupt any concrete plans they may develop to demonstrate for various causes in Columbia, S. C. It is also felt through dissension the group will not be able to form a SSOC or SDS group at the University.

The Columbia Division will remain alert for any information in the Aware group at the University of South Carolina or the SSOC group at Furman University which could be capitalized on by the Bureau for disruption of their group and dissension between members. The Columbia Division believes an effective program can be worked through furnishing information to the Columbia PD concerning known members who are having "pot parties" at various residences off campus and possibly lead to their arrest by the PD. Recently it was ascertained that during the past year that various members of the group had held such parties. It is known that if a student is convicted of a charge of using marijuana or other drugs, efforts will be made by the Security Officer at University of South Carolina to have the student dismissed from school.

Another program that could be used is a local column appearing in "The Record," a Columbia, S. C., evening newspaper referred to as the "Live Wire." For the information of the Bureau, this column contains telephonic questions called into

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the newspaper either by name or unnamed individuals who request answers to their questions. The "Live Wire" editor will then attempt to obtain the information and print the answer directly below the question asked. It is believed that through established sources this column could be used to advantage by the Bureau to embarrass the New Left organizations.

Information recently received indicated that a member of SSOC in the Columbia Division was possibly using a fictitious telephone credit card to make long distance telephone calls. The Columbia Division furnished this information to the Bureau and presently is conducting investigation to determine if there is possibly a Federal or state violation involved.

The Columbia Division will continually attempt to uncover situations and activities on the part of the New Left movement which would possibly lead to members being in violation of a Federal or state law.

As previously stated, several members of the Aware group are now active in the UFO type coffeehouses in Killeen, Texas, and Waynesville, Mo. The Columbia Division has opened an active investigation on the UFO Coffeehouse in Columbia and the employees involved in its operation. Information from various sources indicate that users of marijuana have also been visiting the UFO Club in addition to the soldiers from Ft. Jackson and the individuals of draft age. It is believed that the club could be made ineffective through furnishing information to a police officer who is a close Bureau friend on the Columbia PD and suggest that the PD may want to request the Army to place the club off limits. This would defeat the employment of various members of Aware and possibly cause a large financial loss to the backers of the coffeehouses located in Columbia and other various cities near military bases.

Another possibility for counterintelligence operations is through the local office of the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO). The Director and Assistant Director of OEO in Columbia are extremely cooperative and have stated they would assist the Bureau in any way they can. Through their work they have close contact with all slum areas within the city and are in

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the position to learn of any racial group or New Left organizations attempting to organize the individuals residing in this area for possible demonstrations. They are constantly on the alert for agitators within these areas and will take whatever action necessary to keep them out of the slum areas.

The Columbia Division presently does not have a Key Activists in the New Left movement organizations.

As per instructions in referenced letter, the Columbia Division will submit a status letter on 7/1/68 setting forth information requested.